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SUBJECT: SENATOR MANSFIELD'S VIEWS ON Giscard's ENERGY
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1. SENATOR MAJORITY LEADER MANSFIELD TOOK TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY OFF FROM THE NATO PARLIAMENTARY MEETINGS IN LONDON TO VISIT PARIS. HE HAD AN HOUR'S CONVERSATION WITH Giscard ON TUESDAY AND DISCUSSED IT WITH ME AFTER MY ARRIVAL THE NEXT DAY.

2. IN ESSENCE, SENATOR MANSFIELD SAID HE AGREES WITH Giscard's PROPOSAL FOR AN EARLY TRILATERAL CONFERENCE OF INDUSTRIALIZED CONSUMERS, LDC CONSUMERS, AND OIL PRODUCERS. HE FEELS THE USG SHOULD GIVE THE PROPOSAL CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, AND THAT WE SHOULD BE SYMPATHETIC IN OUR RESPONSE EVEN IF WE DO NOT ACCEPT Giscard's INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE. THE SENATOR STRESSED HIS PERSONAL OPPOSITION TO ANY USFRENCH CONFRONTATION OVER THE Giscard PROPOSAL AND EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT CONGRESS WOULD AGREE WITH HIM.

3. SENATOR MANSFIELD ASKED ME TO TRANSMIT THE FOREGOING VIEWS TO YOU AND THE PRESIDENT ON HIS BEHALF AND SAID THAT HE WOULD BE SEEKING APPOINTMENTS WITH YOU AND THE PRESIDENT AFTER HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 17 IN ORDER TO ELABORATE ON HIS MEETING WITH Giscard. HE

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ALSO SAID HE WOULD BE RECOMMENDING THAT PRESIDENT FORD

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE MARTINIQUE SUMMIT TO INVITE GIS-CARD TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE U.S. AND TO TRY AND PIN GISCARD DOWN TO A TENTATIVE DATE BEFORE THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE ADJOURNS. IN CONJUNCTION WITH SUCH AN OFFICIAL VISIT, MANSFIELD SAID HE AND SPEAKER ALBERT HAVE AGREED TO INVITE GISCARD TO ADDRESS A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS. ACCORDING TO ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTS FROM LONDON DATED NOVEMBER 13, MANSFIELD HAS ALREADY MADE PUBLIC HIS RECOMMENDATION THAT GISCARD BE INVITED TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL VISIT.

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